(b) The Lalit Kala Akademi, has stated that all their art objects are stacked in racks and are periodically dusted and de-aired. Anti-termite and anti-moth treatment of the store rooms is also given by personnel trained in preservation of art objects.

(c) There is no such proposal at present.

Research projects undertaken by the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research

2748. SHRI K. VASUDEVA PANICKER: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of research projects undertaken by the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research during the last three years;

(b) whether it is a fact that there is a sharp fall in the number of researches conducted by the CSIR due to Government's liberalised import policies of technology; and

(c) if so, what steps Government proposes to take to make optimum research facilities available to forty laboratories of the CSIR?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, SPACE AND ELECTRONICS (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) Research projects in CSIR laboratories are formulated and reviewed by their Research Advisory Councils consisting of eminent Scientists, senior Government representatives, and representatives from Public and Private Sectors of industry. These research projects are directed towards achieving major national goals. Total investment in such research and development activities in CSIR has been steadily increasing during the past three years.

(b) No, Sir. Import of technology is permitted only on a selective basis taking into consideration the availability of comparative indigenous technology, the capabilities for new advances by our institutions and the imperatives for urgent improvements in productivity, efficiency and quality. Whenever, technology comparable to the one to be imported is available indigenously, import of technologies has not been permitted by Government.

(c) Investment in Research and Development activities of CSIR in 1985-86 has increased by 25 per cent over previous year. The research facilities in CSIR Laboratories are being modernised to equip them to undertake high quality R&D projects identified in cooperation with users. All support is being given to CSIR to make optimum and purposeful use of such research facilities for meeting national objectives.

2749. [*Transferred to the 23rd. August, 1985*]

Pending cases of freedom fighters

2750. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of cases of freedom fighters from Punjab are pending over 12 years;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether the list contains the cases of Shri Daya Singh, alias Inder Singh s/o Jawahar Singh, Village Sekh, District Amritsar file No. 27|A|8581|72 FF; Sadhu Singh file No. 27|A|7882|FF; Kishan Singh, letter No. (4)(1)-SP(II|42305) dated 20th July, 1958; and

(d) if so, what are the reasons for not finalising these cases of freedom fighters?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI RAM DULARI SINHA): (a) and (b) Freedom Fighters' Pension Scheme was started in 1972, under which 9680 applications were received from Punjab. The Scheme was liberalized in 1980, under which 2728 applications were received. Since many freedom fighters applied under both the Schemes, no separate lists are maintained for pendency under old and new Schemes. Number of applications pending now are 1283. Most of the cases are pending for want of verification reports from the State Government.